



**SECOND REPORT  
OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
ESTIMATES AND FISCAL POLICY**

First Session  
Sixtieth Legislative Assembly  
of the  
Province of New Brunswick

May 10, 2022

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May 10, 2022

To The Honourable  
The Legislative Assembly of  
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy begs leave to submit this, their Second Report.

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on April 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 and 29, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted April 1, 2022.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have passed all estimates referred to them and outlined in this report. Your Committee recommends that these estimates be concurred in by the House.

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Mr. Ross Wetmore, MLA  
Chair

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

**MAIN ESTIMATES, 2022-2023**

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2023:

Voted (\$)

**ORDINARY ACCOUNT**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries ..... | 45,451,000 |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....         | 47,000     |
| Voted.....                                   | 45,404,000 |

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Corporate and Other Education Services ..... | 92,768,000    |
| School Districts .....                       | 1,252,306,000 |
| Early Childhood Development .....            | 227,554,000   |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....         | 47,000        |
| Voted.....                                   | 1,572,581,000 |

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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|---|-------------|
| Corporate Services and Community Funding..... | 2,244,000   |
| Policy, Public Education and Engagement ..... | 1,118,000   |
| Local Government .....                        | 151,117,000 |
| Assessment and Planning Appeal Board .....    | 317,000     |
| Authorizations and Compliance.....            | 7,120,000   |
| Environmental Science and Protection .....    | 4,155,000   |
| Climate Change Secretariat.....               | 1,585,000   |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....          | 94,000      |
| Voted.....                                    | 167,562,000 |

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Office of the Clerk, Chief Operating Officer and Head of the<br>Public Service and Executive Council Secretariat ..... | 3,498,000  |
| Corporate Communications .....   | 6,802,000  |
| Office of the Lieutenant-Governor .....  | 455,000    |
| Women's Equality Branch.....   | 4,639,000  |
| Voted.....   | 15,394,000 |

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| <b>DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND TREASURY BOARD</b>  |             |
| Budget and Financial Management .....  | 851,000     |
| Corporate Services .....   | 5,601,000   |
| Treasury Management and Fiscal Policy .....  | 2,692,000   |
| Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer .....  | 4,777,000   |
| Office of the Chief Information Officer.....   | 7,396,000   |
| Office of the Comptroller.....   | 3,054,000   |
| Revenue Administration .....   | 5,413,000   |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....   | 47,000      |
| Voted.....   | 29,737,000  |
| <br><b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>  |             |
| Aboriginal Affairs .....   | 7,157,000   |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....   | 47,000      |
| Voted.....   | 7,110,000   |
| Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes .....                                    | 455,000     |
| Enterprise Resource Planning .....   | 31,619,000  |
| Equal Employment Opportunity Program .....   | 688,000     |
| Intergovernmental Affairs.....   | 8,027,000   |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....   | 47,000      |
| Voted.....   | 7,980,000   |
| Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies,<br>and Supplementary Allowances ..... | 85,630,000  |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....   | 180,000     |
| Voted.....   | 85,450,000  |
| Natural Gas Distribution Program .....   | 14,000,000  |
| Pension and Employee Benefits Plans .....  | 344,723,000 |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....   | 2,000       |
| Voted.....   | 344,721,000 |
| Provision for Losses.....  | 14,200,000  |
| Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....   | 65,300,000  |
| Service New Brunswick.....   | 194,061,000 |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....   | 47,000      |
| Voted.....   | 194,014,000 |
| Supplementary Funding Provision.....   | 289,031,000 |

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| <b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>  |               |
| Corporate and Other Health Services .....                            | 210,001,000   |
| Medicare .....   | 747,850,000   |
| Drug Programs .....  | 238,238,000   |
| Part III Health Services .....                                       | 2,004,867,000 |
| Provincial Health Plan .....   | 38,430,000    |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....                                 | 47,000        |
| Voted.....   | 3,239,339,000 |
| <br><b>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>                   |               |
| Technical Safety & Corporate Services Division .....                 | 17,282,000    |
| Community Safety Division .....                                      | 191,354,000   |
| Security and Emergencies Division .....                              | 47,336,000    |
| Office of the Attorney General .....                                 | 21,981,000    |
| Justice Services Division .....                                      | 25,468,000    |
| Legal Aid .....  | 10,855,000    |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....                                 | 94,000        |
| Voted.....   | 314,182,000   |
| <br><b>LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b>                                      |               |
| Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations.....                  | 9,162,000     |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....                                 | 4,272,000     |
| Voted.....   | 4,890,000     |
| Office of the Legislative Assembly .....                             | 4,065,000     |
| Office of the Auditor General .....                                  | 3,408,000     |
| Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered Political Parties ..... | 2,247,000     |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....                                 | 95,000        |
| Voted.....   | 2,152,000     |
| Elections New Brunswick.....   | 12,699,000    |
| Office of the Ombud .....  | 1,790,000     |
| Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate.....                  | 1,398,000     |
| Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.....                | 735,000       |
| Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance .....                  | 601,000       |
| Office of the Integrity Commissioner .....                           | 330,000       |
| <br><b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT</b>    |               |
| Administration .....   | 8,031,000     |
| Natural Resources .....  | 84,425,000    |
| Energy and Mines .....   | 6,547,000     |
| Land Management .....  | 2,728,000     |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....                                 | 47,000        |
| Voted.....   | 101,684,000   |

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| <b>OFFICE OF THE PREMIER</b>   |             |
| Administration .....   | 1,516,000   |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....                                   | 67,000      |
| Voted.....   | 1,449,000   |
| <br><b>OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK</b>                                 |             |
| Administration and Business Development Services .....                 | 15,272,000  |
| Financial Assistance.....  | 25,000,000  |
| Population Growth.....   | 9,843,000   |
| Strategic Investments - Productivity / Global competitiveness .....    | 5,000,000   |
| Voted.....   | 55,115,000  |
| <br><b>OTHER AGENCIES</b>  |             |
| Consolidated Entities .....  | 398,151,000 |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....                                   | 398,151,000 |
| Voted.....   | 0           |
| Council of Atlantic Premiers .....                                     | 642,000     |
| Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation .....                        | 2,802,000   |
| Labour and Employment Board.....                                       | 655,000     |
| New Brunswick Police Commission .....                                  | 671,000     |
| New Brunswick Women's Council .....                                    | 468,000     |
| Premier's Council on Disabilities .....                                | 304,000     |
| <br><b>DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR</b> |             |
| Labour and Strategic Services .....                                    | 12,134,000  |
| Post-Secondary Affairs .....   | 483,833,000 |
| WorkingNB.....   | 137,325,000 |
| New Brunswick Public Library Service .....                             | 15,674,000  |
| Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification.....                     | 7,449,000   |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....                                   | 47,000      |
| Voted.....   | 656,368,000 |
| <br><b>REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION</b>                            |             |
| Development Projects and Operations.....                               | 50,637,000  |
| <br><b>SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT</b>                                  |             |
| Service of the Public Debt .....                                       | 634,000,000 |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....                                   | 629,100,000 |
| Voted.....   | 4,900,000   |

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Corporate and Other Services .....     | 11,056,000    |
| Seniors and Long Term Care .....       | 860,463,000   |
| Child Welfare and Youth Services ..... | 155,484,000   |
| Income Security .....                  | 246,995,000   |
| Housing Services .....                 | 120,132,000   |
| Other Benefits .....                   | 73,443,000    |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....   | 47,000        |
| Voted.....                             | 1,467,526,000 |

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Administration .....                 | 2,957,000  |
| Parks and Trails.....                | 12,551,000 |
| Culture, Heritage and Sport .....    | 35,803,000 |
| Tourism.....                         | 17,433,000 |
| Less amounts authorized by law ..... | 47,000     |
| Voted.....                           | 68,697,000 |

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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| Administration .....   | 15,193,000  |
| Policy and Legislative Affairs, Strategic Partnerships<br>and Trade Corridors..... | 1,783,000   |
| Maintenance .....  | 90,438,000  |
| Winter Maintenance.....  | 73,967,000  |
| Bridge and Highway Construction.....   | 3,011,000   |
| Buildings Group.....   | 138,709,000 |
| New Brunswick Highway Corporation.....   | 26,800,000  |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....   | 24,809,000  |
| Voted.....   | 325,092,000 |

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

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| Capital Equipment .....       | 65,000  |
| Strategic Infrastructure..... | 400,000 |
| Voted.....                    | 465,000 |

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

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| Public Schools – Capital Equipment..... | 1,745,000 |
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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| Local Service Districts..... | 1,000,000 |
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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| Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment ..... | 27,050,000 |
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| <b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT</b> |           |
| Mine Reclamation .....  | 250,000   |
| Musquash Watershed Infrastructure – Capital Improvements..... | 6,920,000 |
| Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure .....                         | 750,000   |
| Voted.....  | 7,920,000 |

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| <b>DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR</b> |           |
| Deferred Maintenance Program.....                                  | 2,000,000 |

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| <b>REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION</b>                     |            |
| Canada – New Brunswick Integrated Bilateral Agreement ..... | 16,500,000 |
| Strategic Infrastructure Initiative .....                   | 18,500,000 |
| Voted.....  | 35,000,000 |

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| <b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</b>           |            |
| Nursing Home Services – Capital Improvements..... | 9,000,000  |
| Nursing Home Services – Capital Maintenance ..... | 3,000,000  |
| Voted.....  | 12,000,000 |

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| <b>DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE</b> |           |
| Capital Improvements .....                         | 4,400,000 |
| Strategic Infrastructure.....                      | 4,620,000 |
| Voted.....   | 9,020,000 |

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| <b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b> |             |
| Bridges .....  | 60,886,000  |
| Highways .....   | 181,125,000 |
| Municipal Designated Highway Program.....              | 15,000,000  |
| Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program .....           | 81,834,000  |
| Vehicle Management Agency.....                         | 22,000,000  |
| Public Works and Infrastructure .....                  | 289,749,000 |
| Less amounts authorized by law .....                   | 26,970,000  |
| Voted.....   | 623,624,000 |

**LOANS AND ADVANCES**

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| <b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES</b> |            |
| New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission .....       | 1,600,000  |
| Loan Programs .....   | 9,500,000  |
| Voted.....  | 11,100,000 |

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| <b>OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK</b>     |            |
| Financial Assistance to Industry ..... | 50,000,000 |

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| <b>DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR</b> |            |
| Student Loan Advances .....  | 69,900,000 |



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| REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  |            |
| Financial assistance under the Development Loans Program.....   | 5,000,000  |
| Financial assistance under the New Brunswick Small Business<br>Emergency Working Capital Loan Program ..... | 5,000,000  |
| Voted.....  | 10,000,000 |
| DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  |            |
| Housing .....   | 3,224,000  |

**SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2020-2021, Volume II**

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2021:

**ORDINARY ACCOUNT**

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| GENERAL GOVERNMENT                                     |              |
| Provision for Losses.....                              | 1,040,520.67 |
| DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY                |              |
| Law Enforcement and Inspections Division .....         | 882,869.66   |
| DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT |              |
| Energy and Mines .....                                 | 5,431,654.03 |

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

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| DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH                       |              |
| Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment ..... | 3,533,284.69 |

**LOANS AND ADVANCES**

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| REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION                               |            |
| New Brunswick Small Business Working Capital Loan Program .... | 168,208.96 |